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## REUNION OF VETERANS COMES TO CLOSE IN BLAZE OF GLORY

PARADE TWO MILES LONG IS FEATURE OF FINAL DAY OF THE MEETING.

THOUSANDS PARTICIPATE

Pageant Includes Veterans, Confederate Daughters and Cadets.

GEN. VANCE AGAIN HEADS DIVISION

B. A. Lincoln Named as Commander of Sons of Veterans of State.

In a blaze of glory the annual reunion of the Confederate Veterans and Sons of Veterans, of Mississippi, came to a close Friday, an outstanding feature for the closing hours having been a parade which was fully two miles in length. This parade which was led by the West Point band, included the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, members of the Stephen D. Lee chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, several hundred students of the Industrial Institute and College, the pupils of the public schools of the city, boy scouts and citizens.

The parade formed in front of the court house at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, and marched through the business and residential districts of the city, the Industrial Institute and College, and other prominent buildings having been included in the line of march. The old soldiers refused to ride in automobiles, which citizens offered to provide for them and covered the entire route on foot. Crowds were assembled on the sidewalks and in buildings along the routes and the heroes of the great internecine struggle were vociferously cheered as they passed along.

There was considerable rivalry when the matter of selecting a place for holding the next annual reunion came up for discussion. Gulfport, Clarksdale and McComb City having all extended urgent invitations. After a lengthy discussion of the matter it was decided to leave the selection of the next place of meeting to a committee consisting of Col. Geo. A. Webb, adjutant-general, and the various brigade commanders. This committee will meet in Jackson at an early date and decide where the next reunion will take place.

Gen. Geo. P. Harrison, of Opelika, Ala., commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, arrived in the city Tuesday night, and was the principal speaker on the morning program.

At noon Thursday the old soldiers were taken to Lake Park, where a barbecue dinner was much enjoyed. They later visited the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College, where they were given a cordial welcome by the nine hundred young lady students.

Another business session was held late in the afternoon, and officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Gen. C. B. Vance, of Batesville, re-elected division commander; Gen. Vance appointing as his adjutant division commander John A. Webb, of Jackson, brigade commanders, E. D. Cavett, Macon, first brigade; Dr. W. M. Wooten, of Magnolia, second brigade; G. W. Price, Water Valley, third brigade.

A business session of the Sons of Veterans was held at the city hall Thursday afternoon, having been presided over by Division Commander John F. Frieron, of this city. Gov. Theodore G. Bilbo was among the speakers, having made a forceful talk in reference to the care of Beauvoir, the home for indigent veterans. Gen. N. B. Forrest, of Biloxi, adjutant-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans, was among the other prominent visitors present. Col. B. A. Lincoln, commander of the Columbus Camp Sons of Veterans, was elected commander of the Mississippi Division. U. S. V. Maj. Lincoln named V. B. Ines, of this city, as his adjutant-commander, and Mr. John F. Frieron, also of Columbus, as commander of the first brigade.

Before adjourning the Sons of Confederate Veterans unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

## COMMITTEES ARE NAMED FOR BAPTIST CONVENTION

HUNDREDS OF DELEGATES ARE EXPECTED HERE TO ATTEND MEETING.

Columbus people will have the pleasure of entertaining several hundred delegates on November 15, 16 and 17, when the Baptist State Convention will be held here. People from every section of Mississippi are expected and the following committees have been appointed to look after their entertainment:

The following committees have been appointed to arrange for the meeting:

Soliciting (homes) Committee—Messdames D. F. McCullough, chairman, E. K. Lide, assistant chairman, P. L. Berry, H. M. Beard, J. H. Beard, Walter Breland, E. R. Chappell, S. W. Gardner, J. A. Gores, Annie E. Gunter, Willis McClanahan, H. H. McClanahan, B. L. Owen, J. H. Probst, Parker Reeves, J. L. Walker, A. C. Halbert, Tom Pullen, W. W. Caldwell, Robert Gunter, Alice Ridings, W. W. Richards, Joe Rickman, Miss Nancy Halbert, Messdames V. M. Higgins, J. J. Smith, Funderburk L. J. Ines, J. B. Jacob, Miss Beulah Culbertson, Miss Jeffie Johnson, Mrs. John Land, Miss Sue Mae Lincoln, Mrs. Fannie Lollar, Mrs. Arthur Marshall, Mrs. R. S. McClanahan, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. W. R. McPherson, Mrs. R. M. Noland, Mrs. W. M. Neyman, Mrs. William Pogue, Mrs. Zach Pulliam, Mrs. Harvey Savage, Mrs. Emily Stinson, Miss Cora O. Walker, Miss Nina Williford, Mrs. J. W. Shackelford, Mrs. Itta Richardson, Mrs. H. L. Whitfield.

Finance Committee—W. N. Puckett, chairman, Jas. T. Harrison, H. E. Robinson, J. L. Walker, F. M. Jacob, B. L. Owen, H. H. McClanahan, T. O. Burris, Walter Breland, D. S. McClanahan, H. M. Beard, S. L. Caine, Dr. D. D. Griffin, Claude Neyman, J. N. Stuckey, Dr. P. L. Berry, P. H. Wakefield, H. L. Whitfield, W. A. Beard.

Transportation Committee—V. B. Ines, chairman, Paul Jacob, John R. Laws, B. A. Lincoln, Frank C. Owen, Seth Meek, B. K. Sessums, Fred Probst, John McCullough, Willis McClanahan, C. C. Richardson.

Reception (at church) Committee—Messdames M. F. Flood, J. W. Jones, Etyle Stallings, Eliza Stinson, J. N. Stuckey, E. T. Sykes, M. C. Cotner, W. B. Hamilton, Annie Yerby, Miss Olive Saunders.

Messrs. Harvey and Harris Cook, of the A. & M. College, spent Friday in Columbus with friends.

"Resolved, that the board of directors of the home for indigent soldiers at Beauvoir, which belongs to the live camp of the Sons of Veterans in the state of Mississippi, consists of eight members, together with the division commander as ex-officio chairman; that the eight members of the said board shall be selected from each of the eight brigades and appointed by the division commander on the recommendation of the brigade commanders in their respective brigades, the brigade commanders shall make their recommendation of members of said board after due consideration and consultation with the camps of the brigade.

"That the terms of office of members of the said board shall be four years, the term of office of the first board to be as follows: Directors from the first and second brigades to be one year; from the third and fourth brigades, two years; from the fifth and sixth brigades, three years; from the seventh and eighth brigades four years; that two members shall be selected annually as in the manner hereinbefore prescribed.

"It is further resolved that no member shall be appointed on said board of directors unless said officer is a member of an active camp in the general organization, and in good standing in such camp. It is further provided that upon failure of any member or members of the board of directors herein authorized to retain his or their membership in the general organization a vacancy is deemed to exist in the said board and the division commander is authorized to appoint new members to fill the unexpired term; that vacancies which may appear shall be filled by the board."

This resolution was adopted upon recommendation of a committee consisting of Messrs. Scudder, Bolton and Ines.

## GEMS VALUED AT \$2,000 ARE STOLEN

UNIDENTIFIED BURGLAR MAKES RICH HAUL AT SANFORD HOME.

THIEF MAY BE CHELZCESKI'S PAL

Many Believe He Is Man Seen Here With Notorious Crook From Memphis.

On Friday morning an unidentified thief entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sanford, No. 817 North Third avenue, and stole therefrom diamonds and other jewelry conservatively valued at \$2,000. The robbery took place while the house was untenanted, both members of the family and the servants having been congregated in the business district to watch the parade of the Confederate Veterans, which then was in progress. The thief climbed through a cellar window, then forced open a door to a stairway leading to the main floor, and proceeded to ransack the house.

The articles known to be missing are a diamond pin, a valuable diamond brooch, four rings and a pair of cuff buttons. Other things may also have been taken, as the burglar seems to have leisurely ransacked the whole house, taking whatever he chanced to fancy.

Other houses in the neighborhood were also visited, the burglar having gone to the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. Harrington, who live just across the street from the Sanford home, where he told the servant who answered his ring that he was a telephone repair man, and asked for permission to examine the phone. The servant told him that the phone was in good shape, and declined to let him in. After having been refused admittance to the Harrington home the marauder proceeded to a house in another block which was formerly occupied by the family of Mr. Thomas Keith, but which is now untenanted. He evidently intended to rob this house, but, finding it vacant, proceeded on his way.

Servants who saw the thief describe him as being a white man of medium height, about 35 years old and having light hair. He wore a coat suit of dark clothes, while a gray cap rested jauntily upon his head.

It is generally understood that Haraloff Chelzceski, who was found hiding in the belfry of a negro church on North Sixth avenue last Sunday, and who was later identified as the murderer of May Goodwin, the wealthy demi-monde, had a pal here with him, and many people believe that he is the man who entered the Sanford home. Ever since Chelzceski was arrested local police have been looking for his pal, but have not yet succeeded in locating him.

Mr. Sanford has offered a reward of \$100 for the recovery of the jewelry and an additional reward of \$50 for the arrest of the thief or for information which will lead to his apprehension.

## "Illiteracy Day."

The regular meeting of the Civic League will be held at the Chamber of Commerce at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, November 10th. At this is the day set apart by the governor to be observed throughout the state as "Illiteracy Day," a special program bearing on this subject has been prepared, a feature of which will be a talk by Miss Elise Timberlake, a member of the State Illiteracy Commission. Not only members of the league, but all those interested in the slogan of this commission, "No Illiteracy in Mississippi in 1920" are invited to be present.

The following suggestive program for school use has been sent out by the Illiteracy Commission with the request that it be printed in the county papers:

Song—America.

Appropriate scripture reading. Song, "America," appropriate scripture reading; reading of governor's proclamation; Illiteracy in Our County; student; Illiteracy in Our School District; student; How to Remove Illiteracy from Our District; teacher; How Our School Can Keep a Worker in the Field.

## Special Feature Picture.

The Princess Theatre will on Monday present Annette Kellerman in "Neptune's Daughter," said to be one of the best pictures ever seen in this city. Two shows will be given in the afternoon and two at night, and will no doubt be seen by immense crowds.



Photo by American Press Association. Recent Photograph of President Woodrow Wilson, Who Democrats Confidently Believe Will Be Re-Elected on Next Tuesday.

## COTTON MARKET ADVANCES SLIGHTLY AFTER A DECLINE

GAIN OF FROM 10 TO 12 POINTS MADE AT YESTERDAY'S SESSION.

After a temporary decline, the cotton market recuperated yesterday and a slight gain was made, the total advance during the session having been from 10 to 12 points. At the close of business yesterday afternoon New York spots were quoted at 18.30, December futures in New York at 18.99, New Orleans spots at 18.25, and December futures in New Orleans at 18.36. In the local market good middling was quoted at 17.75.

## Fire Alarm Last Night.

The fire department was called to the corner of Third street and Second avenue, south, about nine o'clock last night. The blaze proved to be only a grass fire. No damage was done.

## COST OF MAKING PAPER LESS THAN IN PAST YEARS

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION DECLARES THIS IS SO, DESPITE HIGH PRICES.

Washington, Nov. 4.—In a statement announcing virtual completion of its investigation of news print paper prices, the federal trade commission declares that during the first half of this year, when prices already were soaring to unprecedented figures, the average cost of producing news print paper in domestic mills was less than \$1.65 per hundred pounds, or below the average cost in the past three years.

The commission announces that before issuing its report public hearings will be conducted and manufacturers, publishers and other interested given an opportunity to appear. No date is set for the hearings, but the report is said to be ready to send to the press in the near future.

Certain facts developed by the inquiry are made public now, but most of the publishers' contracts for paper are about to expire. Contract prices rose this year from less than \$2 per hundred to \$3 and \$3.50, and on current market purchases the publishers have paid \$7 or more for paper bought in the same way prior to January 1 for between \$2 and \$3.

## Theatrical Season to Open.

The first show of the season to be seen at the Columbus Theatre this season will be "Mutt and Jeff's Wedding," which will be here on next Wednesday night. The attraction, which is a musical comedy, will no doubt be seen by a crowded house.

Hon. Thos. Jeff Wilkins, one of Noxubee county's best men, was here for the reunion and was the guest of Mrs. Daniel M. Richards and family, 403 Ninth street, south.

## IMMENSE CROWD ENJOYS PLAY AT THE I. I. AND C.

"POLLY OF THE CIRCUS" PRESENTED BY SENIORS ON FRIDAY EVENING.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in the chapel of the Industrial Institute and College witnessed "Polly of the Circus," which was presented there on Friday evening by the senior class. The cast consisted of over forty members, including some of the most experienced dramatic talent of the institution, ably coached by Miss Emma Ody Pohl.

Miss Gladys Gunter, of this city, played the part of "Polly" most beautifully, and each member of the cast displayed unusual talent.

The wild animals of the menagerie, the clowns, the jockeys, the wonderful acrobatic Japanese family and the attendants gave to the setting and action those realistic, detailed touches that every circus possesses.

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE

GIST OF NEWS FROM OVER THE COUNTRY GIVEN IN A BRIEF FORM.

The reports of the national banks of the United States to the comptroller of the currency under the call for statements on September 12, as announced Friday, show total resources of \$14,411,000,000, or \$216,000,000 greater than ever before recorded in the nation's history.

The apparent shortage of cars on the railroads of the country was declared to be the result of a lack of efficiency in their distribution by W. L. Barnes, superintendent of transportation of Burlington and Quincy railroad.

Supplemental reports filed in Washington Friday show the Republican national campaign fund totaled \$2,012,535 and the Democratic national campaign fund totaled \$1,310,729 at the close of business Oct. 30.

Jacob M. Dickinson, receiver for the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad and secretary of war under Taft, announces he will vote for the re-election of President Wilson. He predicts Hughes' defeat, basing his prediction on his confidence that the championship of the true principles of democratic government by President Wilson has reached the hearts of the masses of the people and won their support.

Coinage of the new dimes will not be suspended, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo said, taking cognizance of reports that such action was being considered because of the artist's initials were upon them. He said the initials were "obscure and insignificant" that they appeared on other coins and that the coinage of the dimes would continue.

Patronize the Advertisers.

## CHELZCESKI SAYS HE IS INNOCENT

DECLARES THAT HE DID NOT KILL MAY GOODWIN.

MADE AN ATTEMPT TO GAIN FREEDOM

Threw Snuff in Eyes of Detective Hurst, But Was Recaptured.

Haraloff Chelzceski, the man who was found hiding in the belfry of a negro church in North Columbus last Sunday, and who was later identified as the murderer of May Goodwin, queen of the Memphis underworld, arrived in the Bluff City last Wednesday night, after having made an ineffectual attempt to escape from Al Hurst, the detective who had him in charge.

Notwithstanding the fact that Chelzceski has been positively identified as the slayer of the Goodwin woman he still persists in declaring that he is innocent of the crime.

Chelzceski attempted to make his getaway by throwing snuff in Hurst's eyes while the pair were walking from one depot to another in Winona Wednesday afternoon, but this effort failed to succeed on account of the fact that the detective wore glasses, which protected his eyes and prevented the snuff from getting into them. His vision was only slightly impaired and he drew out his revolver and fired three shots. While none of the bullets hit Chelzceski, they scared him so badly that he surrendered to Hurst, and was quite docile throughout the remainder of the trip.

On his arrival in Memphis Chelzceski gave a representative of the News-Scimitar the following story of his career, which will prove interesting to readers of the Commercial, as it includes several of his escapades in Columbus:

Chelzceski was clad only in his shirt, his underwear and his socks, the rest of his clothes having been taken away by the police. Under his right eye was a livid scar, his left thumb was off and there was a ring tattooed on the third finger of his hand. He readily explained how he obtained the scar.

"I served in the British army in the South African war against the Boers in 1901," he said, "and this scar was caused by a saber cut. I lost my thumb a year ago while holding when it was mashed off between the bumpers on two cars. I had the tattoo work done while in Cape Town with the army."

"I left my home in Poland in 1899, after having been educated in a Russian school, and went to England. After the war I returned there, and 18 months ago I came to America, working my way on the Cardiff, a tramp steamer, to Tampa, Fla. The only time I was ever arrested was in Baltimore when they grabbed me for being drunk."

"I have hoboed around, working as a day laborer anywhere I could find a job. I blew into Columbus on a rattler last Saturday night. I was hungry and I searched around for something to eat. I found a refrigerator on somebody's back porch, opened it, ate all I could and put the rest in my pockets. It was chilly and I wanted something to cover me, so I twisted the padlock off a man's garage, stole a laprobe and started out to find a place to flop for the night. I picked out a negro church as a place where I was not likely to be disturbed."

"At 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon I awoke. The negroes were holding services downstairs, and one climbed up into the belfry to see what caused the noise up there. He took one look at me and beat it. I came down and tried to get away but the cops caught me."

## Reward Increased.

Governor Theo. G. Bilbo has informed Mr. H. J. Dashiell that he would increase the statutory reward to \$300 for the arrest or for any information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the man who assassinated Mr. Frank Dashiell on the night of October 11. This brings the reward up to \$1000, of this sum \$500 is offered by the father of the young man killed, \$100 by Mr. P. W. Maer, editor of the Columbus Dispatch, and \$100 by the board of supervisors of Lowndes county.

Mr. Robert Gray, of Winona, was among the many veterans who attended the reunion here the past week. While here he was with his son, Mr. J. R. Gray.

## HERRING DROWNS AT LAWS' SHOALS

A PROMINENT BENT OAK PLANTER FINDS WATER GRAVE.

BODY STAYS IN RIVER ALL NIGHT

Was Out Duck Hunting When Fatal Accident Occurred. Funeral Today.

The murky waters of the Tombigbee claimed another victim late Thursday afternoon, when Capt. A. E. Herring, a wealthy planter of the Bent Oak neighborhood, was drowned in a treacherous portion of the stream known as "Laws' Shoals" and which during recent years has been the scene of many similar tragedies.

Capt. Herring left his home early Thursday afternoon to go duck hunting, and when he did not return that night members of the family became alarmed, and a searching party including Messrs. W. G. Evans, Carey Cooke, C. W. Evans, T. B. Hardy and other neighbors was formed. All efforts to find the missing huntman Thursday night proved futile, but the search was resumed Friday morning, and his dead body was found in the river, having been located by Mr. C. W. Evans, who, knowing the treacherous nature of the stream, surmised that Capt. Herring had waded out after a duck which he had shot and was caught in the maelstrom. The body was taken home and afterwards brought to the undertaking establishment of Messrs. Gunter Brothers in this city, where it was prepared for burial.

Deceased was about 55 years old, and is survived by his widow and one son, A. E. Herring, Jr.

Capt. Herring was a native of Virginia, but came to this section in the early eighties, and for many years was a passenger conductor on the Southern Railway. He entered the service when that portion of the line between Columbus and Birmingham, then known as the Georgia Pacific, was in course of construction, and is said to have been in charge of the first passenger train that made the trip between those two points. He afterwards had a passenger run between Birmingham and Atlanta, but several years ago retired from the railroad service and purchased a farm in the Bent Oak neighborhood.

Funeral services will be held from the family residence this morning at 9:30 o'clock, and the remains will be brought to this city and interred in Friendship cemetery.

## Presents Flag to Veterans.

A pleasing feature of the reunion of the Mississippi Division, United Confederate Veterans, which closed Friday, was the presentation of a handsome flag to the old soldiers, who are inmates of the home for indigent veterans at Beauvoir. The flag was purchased by the Mississippi Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, and was presented in an appropriate speech by Mrs. V. R. Price, president of the organization.

An archway is soon to be erected over the entrance to Beauvoir, and this flag will fly thereon, being hoisted at the beginning of each day, and lowered at the sunset hour. It is a very handsome emblem and the old soldiers received it with profuse thanks, declaring that they would cherish it as carefully as they guarded the flag which served as inspiration to them in their charges on the various battle fields during the Civil war.

## Special Services Today.

This is "Every Member Present Day" at Central Methodist Church. The pastor, Mr. Carpenter, who has been quite sick at McKinley Sanatorium, is now about well, and is very anxious to have a great day of this service. Souvenirs of the day will be given to each member present. A special program of music will be rendered. Rev. W. W. Woollard will preach at 11 o'clock.

## United Charities Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the United Charities at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at the First Methodist church. All members and friends are urged to be present, as officers will be elected and plans for our yearly offering.

Mrs. J. T. Sanford, Sect.

Mrs. W. H. Anderson, of Wesson, is spending several days in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. H. Carter. Mrs. Felix Chapman, of Muskogee, Okla., is also visiting her sister, Mrs. Carter.